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"Being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it."

—Phil. 1:6.

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"THE UPPERMOST CONCERN"

"This is an appropriate time for us to realize afresh the importance of the Theological Seminary in the Presbyterian System. *It is the heart of the hurch.* It is the main motor and source of power in the life of Presbyterianism. It is in our Theological Seminaries that the type of doctrine, the spirit of worship and service, the denominational character and fashion are fixed.

"Since the Theological Seminary is the heart of our great Church, its system of life and work as a denomination, its well being should be *the uppermost concern* of all who work and pray for God's glory in our Church."

—Rev. J. Sprole Lyons, D. D.

(Spoken at the Centennial Celebration of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

FACING THE FACTS

FACT (I)

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY is more than a hundred years old. Its list of founders and early Professors includes DR. THOMAS GOULDING, DR. GEORGE HOWE, DR. AARON W. LELAND, DR. CHARLES COLCOCK JONES, DR. BENJAMIN MORGAN PALMER, DR. JAMES WOODROW, DR. JAMES H. THORNWELL, DR. WM. S. PLUMER, DR. JOSEPH R. WILSON (father of Woodrow Wilson), DR. JOHN L. GIRARDEAU and others.

FACT (II)

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY leaders were in the forefront in the first General Assembly of the SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH held in Augusta, Ga., December, 1861. DR. BENJAMIN MORGAN PALMER, of Columbia, was Moderator. DR. JOSEPH R. WILSON was the first stated Clerk. DR. JAMES H. THORNWELL, of Columbia, gave to the Church its Magna Charta in a notable state paper sent to all the Churches of Jesus Christ by the General Assembly. DR. CHAS. COLCOCK JONES, of Columbia, prepared the masterly production on Religious Institutions for Colored people. DR. JOHN LEIGHTON WILSON, of Columbia, shaped the policy of the Church on Foreign Missions. DR. JOHN B. ADGER, of Columbia, was the chief contributor to The Book of Church Order.

Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.
(Main Building and First Dormitory Completed)

FACT (III)

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, while holding fast to the distinctive Spiritual mission of the Church, has, through its leadership, made a large contribution to SOCIAL SERVICE. These Columbia men and the great social reform movements in which they were pioneers were: the cessation of the BRITISH SLAVE TRAFFIC—Dr. James Leighton Wilson; the expulsion of the LOUISIANA STATE LOTTERY—Dr. Benjamin Morgan Palmer; the Chinese OPIUM REFORM MOVEMENT—Dr. Henry C. Dubose.

FACT (IV)

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, according to a statement contained in THE SURVEY, made by order of the General Assembly, is in the forefront of Presbyterian educational institutions in the matter of MATERIAL PROGRESS.

This Statement is as follows:

> "Columbia Theological Seminary has added $352,347* to its net resources in the last five years, RANKING IN THE FOREFRONT of Presbyterian institutions in material progress."

*This sum has now reached the encouraging total of $500,000.

Columbia's total net worth is	$813,000
Columbia's indebtedness is	202,500
ANNUAL INTEREST CHARGES	$12,500

When the "interest charges" are removed the Annual Budget of Columbia Seminary will no longer be an insurmountable obstacle.

Campbell Hall—Columbia Seminary

FACT (V)

THE SURVEY made by order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY further states:

"In determining PRIOR CLAIMS upon the Church, the building of a permanent educational system which will articulate with the public school system and assure a maximum number of trained Christian workers for the religious and social life of the future, the Survey suggests the following order of PRIORITIES:

"First—THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES. The FIRST educational responsibility of the Church is to provide an educated ministry."

FACT (VI)

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY is serving the Church splendidly in its territory.

In a single year 108 ministerial students went out from Union Seminary, Richmond, Va. Only nine of these men labored in any of the five Synods of the Southeast, as follows: 5 in Georgia, 1 each in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and South Carolina.

In the same year 76 ministerial students went out from Kentucky Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Only two of these men labored in any of the five Synods of Columbia's territory. Both of these men labored in Mississippi.

In the same year 62 ministerial students went out from Columbia Seminary. Of this number 15 labored in Georgia, 3 in Alabama, 4 in Florida, 2 in Mississippi and 20 in South Carolina.

Sending out one-third as many students as two other Seminaries combined, COLUMBIA SEMINARY furnished four times as many laborers in the five Synods as the other combined Seminaries.

TESTING PRESBYT

THERE IS NO ESCAPING THE FACT THAT IN ANY E
If a man says that he loves his wife but does not care enough to p
may be sentimentally vivid on occasions, but it is not deep, genu
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But you can argue that a man being able, who does not suppo
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FACT (VII)

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY needs the sum of $200,000 to meet present pressing obligations for the purpose of "SETTING COLUMBIA SEMINARY FREE."

The original proposal to locate the Seminary in Atlanta included (1) Atlanta to provide $250,000 for buildings and an adequate site. (2) The Synod of Georgia to provide $250,000 for Endowment.

Up to the present time sufficient funds have not been provided for the two buildings already erected and the purchase of the site. The fund for Endowment is far short of the goal. There was no provison made for the expense of moving the Seminary to Atlanta. This has resulted in large borrowings from banks, heavy interest charges and inadequate income for maintenance of the regular work of the Seminary.

FACT (VIII)

"SETTING COLUMBIA SEMINARY FREE" is not something that should be done. This thing MUST be done. COLUMBIA SEMINARY cannot survive an annual interest charge of $12,500.

Neither the Church nor the Seminary can afford to use $12,500 a year for interest. This must be done however until the Seminary is given relief from the burdensome DEBT of $202,500.

When this is accomplished the Seminary will be able to maintain its work and to balance its budget without difficulty. This will be in fact "SETTING COLUMBIA SEMINARY FREE."

First Dormitory—Four Units
Columbia Theological Seminary

FACT (IX)

The FIRST RIFT IN THE CLOUDS is a most generous offer, from an already generous friend who agrees to make an additional gift of $75,000 towards the $200,000 now needed, on condition that the remaining $125,000 be provided by other generous friends.

This is A SPLENDID CHALLENGE to the spirit of Presbyterianism which should be accepted with eager promptness.

IN VIEW OF THE FACTS presented on the foregoing pages, no time should be lost in achieving this most desirable result of "SETTING COLUMBIA SEMINARY FREE."

In order to accomplish this and in recognition of personal blessings and of the importance of recruiting and training capable men for the work of PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, will you

(1) Unite with us in definite, importunate PRAYER to God for His blessing on this present task for the honor of His name.

(2) Back up your prayer by the MOST LIBERAL AND SUBSTANTIAL GIFT your interest and ability dictate.

(3) Enlist the interest, sympathy, prayers and financial cooperation of others.

(4) Send names of those whose interest should be enlisted. Literature will be sent and wherever desirable a personal interview will be arranged by Dr. Richard T. Gillespie, President, or some member of the Board of Directors.

Dining Room—Columbia Theological Seminary

CREATIVE IMMORTALITY

in connection with the program of

"SETTING COLUMBIA SEMINARY FREE"

Memorial Opportunities

A Dormitory Unit (No. 1)	$30,000
A Dormitory Unit (No. 2)	25,000
The Seminary Chapel	20,000
The General Library	15,000
The Social Room	15,000
The Dining Room	10,000
The Reference Library	10,000
The Class Rooms—5 each at	5,000
The Infirmary	3,000
The Ladies' Parlor	2,500
The Faculty Room	2,500
The President's Office	2,500
The General Offices	2,000
The Secretary's Office	1,500
The Guest Room Suite	1,500
The Book Store	1,000
Students' Rooms—each at	500

PROLONG YOUR OWN PERSONALITY

Perpetuate the Name of Some Loved One

of Your Own Selection

MY RESPONSE

Application for Special Memorial Feature

To The Board of Directors,
COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
Decatur, Georgia.

RECOGNIZING the imperative importance of recruiting and training an adequate number of capable men for the work of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as the fundamental educational task of the Presbyterian Church U. S., and in full appreciation of the generous offer of a friend of the Church agreeing to give $75,000 to COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Decatur, Ga., on condition that a total of $200,000 be subscribed, including his gift;

I HERE PROMISE to pay to John S. Kennedy, Treasurer of Columbia Theological Seminary, the sum of

_____Dollars ($_____).

It is understood and agreed that in consideration of this gift the MEMORIAL Feature indicated below will be suitably designated and will bear the name selected by myself, which is also indicated below.

The Memorial Feature

_____

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(Here indicate Memorial feature you select)

The Name to be Perpetuated

_____

(Here indicate name the Memorial is to bear)

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD and agreed that this subscription when paid is to become a part of the fund of $200,000 which is now being sought for Columbia Theological Seminary.

(Signed) _____

Accepted:

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(Fill out, sign and send to Dr. R. T. Gillespie, President, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.)

I Have Done

The Best I Could

For Columbia Seminary

The Nation

IS AS STRONG AS ITS CHURCHES

The Churches

ARE AS STRONG AS THEIR MINISTERS

The Ministers

ARE AS STRONG AS THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES